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WIA GUIDANCE LETTER # 05-05

SUBJECT: Reciprocal Agreement between Arizona and Nevada - Statewide Eligible Training Provider Lists

REFERENCE: P.L. 105-220 Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998, §122(e)(5) and §134(d)(4); 20 CFR Part 652 et al. §663.585 of WIA Final Rules dated August 11, 2000

BACKGROUND: Under WIA, one of the ways states are permitted to broaden training options for eligible adults and dislocated workers is through state-to-state reciprocal agreements. These agreements permit training providers of each state to accept the Individual Training Accounts (ITAs) of the other state, thus providing WIA participants training choices that include each state's list of eligible training providers and programs. Arizona has completed the third such agreement with the State of Nevada. The first agreement was completed with Utah in June 2002 and the second agreement was completed with New Mexico in July 2002.

The Arizona/Nevada Reciprocal Agreement permits qualifying Nevada participants to use their ITAs to enroll in programs of training identified on Arizona's Eligible Training Provider List (ETPL). Likewise, Arizona has agreed to permit its qualifying participants to enroll into training identified on Nevada's ETPL. Terms of the agreement are subject to all eligibility requirements related to training services under WIA, as well as Arizona's and Nevada's ETPL policies, and the policies of the Local Workforce Investment Area (LWIAs) in each state. Therefore, each state acknowledges the authority of the other in terms of arranging out-of-state ITAs.

Enclosed is a copy of the signed Arizona/Nevada Reciprocal Agreement. Nevada's ETPL is accessible on the Internet at http://detr.state.nv.us/wia/wia_providers.htm#Menu_of_Provider_Categories and will also be included as a link on Arizona's ETPL web site at <http://www.ade.az.gov/arizonaHEAT>.

ACTION REQUIRED: We strongly encourage the state's LWIAs to utilize Nevada's ETPL when appropriate, and coordinate training referrals with Nevada's One-Stop staff, to ensure that each eligible WIA participant receives training which meets his/her needs and the needs of the LWIA. Please distribute this information to all staff responsible for activities related to the state's ETPL.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Diane Mahala, Planning and Program Development at (602) 542-2478.

Sincerely,
Lela Alston

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lela Alston". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Enclosure (1)

**Reciprocal Agreement Between the States of Nevada and Arizona to Increase Customer
Access to Training Offered by WIA Eligible Training Providers**

The State of Nevada and Arizona enter into this reciprocal agreement to broaden the choice of training options and training localities available to eligible adults and dislocated workers who qualify for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Title I-B Individual Training Account's (ITA's).

WIA Section 122(e)(5) encourages states to enter into reciprocal agreements to permit eligible providers of training services in a state to accept ITA's provided in another state.

Agreement

Nevada and Arizona each agree to maintain a publicly accessible statewide WIA Eligible Training Providers List (ETPL).

To increase customer choice, the State of Nevada agrees to permit qualifying Nevada residents to use their ITA's to enroll in a program of training identified on the State of Arizona's ETPL. Final approval for using a Nevada funded ITA at an Arizona school rests with Nevada's One-Stop operators. In arranging out-of-state ITA vouchers, the Nevada One-Stop Career Centers must follow the requirements of WIA Section 134(d)(4), Nevada WIA policies, and local area Workforce Investment Board ITA policies. The area policies may affect the terms of an individual training plan and individual financial feasibility plan, and may be more restrictive concerning out-of-state ITA's.

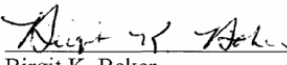
To increase customer choice, Arizona similarly agrees to permit qualifying Arizona residents to use ITA's to enroll in a program of training identified on the State of Nevada's ETPL. Final approval for using an Arizona funded ITA at a Nevada school rests with Arizona's WIA program operators. In arranging out-of-state ITA vouchers, the Arizona WIA program operators must follow the requirements of WIA Section 134(d)(4), Arizona WIA policies, and Local Workforce Investment Board ITA policies. The local Policies may affect the terms of an individual training plan and individual financial feasibility plan, and may be more restrictive concerning out-of-state ITA's.

The reciprocal agreement between the States of Nevada and Arizona shall be in effect from the date the signatory process is complete and until modified or rescinded.

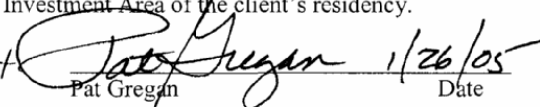
This agreement may be rescinded when (1) either party provides 30-day written notification to the other of its intent to rescind the agreement, or (2) both parties agree in writing to rescind the agreement by a mutually agreed upon date.

Based on Arizona's waiver from the Department of Labor regarding subsequent eligibility requirements for the state, vendors based in the state of Arizona will be exempt from participating in Nevada's subsequent eligibility process.

Any grievances that arise regarding client training services will be addressed and followed up by representatives from the Local Workforce Investment Area of the client's residency.


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